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In re: Buekers et al.

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For: **LONGITUDINALLY ACTIVATED COMPRESSION SEALING DEVICE FOR
ELONGATE MEMBERS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME**

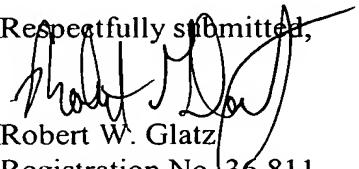
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OTHER NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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